

Nantucket Commission on Disability

Minutes

September 5, 2007

Present: Mickey Rowland, Dick Moran, Linda Williams, Liz Winship, Jeanette Topham, Ellen Braginton-Smith, and Brenda McDonough

Absent: David Gray

The meeting opened with the members reviewing June's minutes, which after some discussion were unanimously approved.

Topics:

- **Discussion of the Minutes**

Linda explained the role of the Community Preservation Commission (CPC) and the Commission on Disability members discussed the following possible areas where CPC funds could benefit the disabled community:

1. Full accessibility at all the public beaches, preferably boardwalks
2. Accessible boardwalk from Brant Point's parking area to the Brant Point Lighthouse
3. Create wheelchair access to historic homes, buildings, or sites

Brenda will contact Ken Beaugrand, Chairman for the CPC, and see if the projects that we discussed are actually in the scope of the CPC.

Linda suggested that we reestablish contact with Pacific National Bank since there is a new bank president concerning accessible signage.

Linda stated the ZBA couldn't request the creation of an accessible parking space when a business is granted a variance for a reduction of parking spaces.

Dick motioned to approve the minutes, Linda seconded the motion, all were in favor and so it was voted.

- **Federal Street Accessible Space**

Jeanette mentioned that there is a utility box of sorts adjacent to the accessible parking space on Federal Street, which can make it difficult for a disabled passenger to get out of their vehicle. Liz mentioned that the sidewalk in front of the Looms on Federal Street needs rebricking.

- David Gray will be unable to attend some Commission meetings because of a scheduling conflict he has with another committee. Whenever this conflict arises, we will try to reschedule our meeting until the following Wednesday.
- **Parking Permits**
If one member is adamant about not issuing a parking permit to an applicant, regardless of the other members' approval, should the permit be issued? After much discussion the following was decided:
If a member voting against the application has additional information on the applicant, then the information will be relayed to all the other members so that everyone can decide on the application given the new information.
If a majority of members still approve the application, then a permit will be issued to the applicant. If a majority of members do not approve the application, then no permit will be issued.
- **Phil Gallagher**
Phil is no longer a member of the Commission on Disability but attended our meeting because it is open to the general public. He said that the disabled tour vehicle's regulations states that the Commission must provide sensitivity training annually to all its drivers.

Brenda McDonough, Facilitator

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